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SUBJECT: POLISH STATE VISIT TO NIGERIA

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE LARGELY CEREMONIAL VISIT TO NIGERIA
BY POLISH HEAD OF STATE JOBLONSKI HAS CONCLUDED WITH THE
SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION AND THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE
CONCENTRATING ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLISH COUNCIL OF STATE, HENRYK
JOBLONSKI, ARRIVED IN LAGOS ON OCTOBER 20 FOR A FIVE
DAY STATE VISIT TO NIGERIA, THE POLISH DELEGATION OF
60 WAS GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO.
JOBLONSKI AND HIS IMMEDIATE PARTY WERE LODGED AT THE
STATE HOUSE ON THE MARINA WHERE PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE
STAYING DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT.
2. THE LAGOS PORTION OF JOBLONSKI'S VISIT WAS MARKED BY
A TWO-HOUR MEETING WITH OBASANJO AT DODAN BARRACKS. ACCORD-

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ING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED
ECONOMIC COOPERATION, NIGERIA'S THIRD NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM, AND THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. SIMUTANEOUSLY,
A SERIES OF WORKING LEVEL MEETINGS WERE HELD ON VARIOUS
AREAS OF COOPERATION.

3. OUTSIDE OF LAGOS, JOBLONSKI VISITED THE ONYEAMA COAL

MINE NEAR ENUGU IN WHICH POLISH-BUILT EQUIPMENT RUN BY 50 POLISH TRAINED MINERS HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA AT NSUKKA. JABLONSKI ALSO STOPPED IN BENIN CITY FOR A VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

4. ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE VISIT, AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED BY POLISH DEPUTY P.M. KAIM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER ADEWOYE. THE AGREEMENT MENTIONS VARIOUS FIELDS INCLUDING COAL MINING, ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, FISHERIES, FOOD PROCESSING AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS. A COMMUNIQUE WAS ALSO ISSUED WHICH CONCENTRATED ITS FIRE ON SOUTH AFRICA, CALLING FOR A TOTAL WORLD EMBARGO ON ALL FORMS OF ASSISTANCE AND NOTING IN PARTICULAR NUCLEAR COOPERATION.

5. COMMENT: JABLONSKI'S VISIT WAS LARGELY ROUTINE BUT IT WAS MARKED BY GOOD ACCESS TO OBASANJO AND FULL CEREMONIAL HONORS. THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IS MORE EXTENSIVE THAN THOSE SIGNED WITH OTHER EAST BLOC COUNTRIES BUT THAT IS PROBABLY A REFLECTION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF POLAND. ADDITIONALLY, THE TECHNICAL TRAINING CALLED FOR IN THE COMMUNIQUE MAY REFER TO THE PLACEMENT OF POLISH PERSONNEL ON TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS IN GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES.
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